

1,200 homes in just 2.5 months

In the last 3 months we've been busy mobilising the Midland Heart contract as the first stage of our seven-year decoration deal.

We're one of only two suppliers selected to complete a range of works including painting, enveloping works, generic minor repairs, plasterwork and external plumbing repairs.

Mobilisation of any sizeable project brings its own challenges as our teams familiarise themselves with the housing stock, residents and locations. With Midland Heart, most of the properties are in Birmingham city centre and many are within supported living and sheltered housing schemes for older people and vulnerable individuals. But perhaps the most demanding part of the mobilisation was the fact that we had just two and a half months



to complete the internal and external decoration of 1,200 homes. This contrasts with our normal delivery which sees us complete around 2,000 properties over a six-month period.

Walking a mile in her shoes

The White Ribbon campaign is the world's largest male led movement to end men's violence against women which sees supporters wear white ribbons.



Male members of the Ian Williams Cardiff team joined the event this year along with City of Cardiff Council Councillors and Ministers to support the campaign against domestic violence. It was a walk with a difference – starting at Cardiff Castle, participants complete the mile walk wearing high heels.



Support for The Sanctuary

The Sanctuary, a community hub that provides vital services to the Castle Vale estate in Birmingham, was given a bright new look when our team supported residents through their renovation project.

We provided dustsheets and paint, and taught the residents the professional painting skills needed to cover outdated murals in an IT room.

We also took the opportunity to celebrate the early completion of our project with The Pioneer Group, managers of the housing estate. We provided the overalls and training, but the residents provided the enthusiasm – we had such a great turnout.

Becki Winkless, Inclusion and Insight, Officer at The Pioneer Group said: "The event went well and the residents really enjoyed it, with some even offering to paint again whenever we need their help."



Supporting the World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Now a familiar date in many diaries every Autumn, Macmillan Cancer Support 2016 World's Biggest Coffee Morning has so far raised over £5 million across the UK. The teams at Ian Williams were delighted to play our part too and across our businesses, so far we have raised £1,238.

The Ian Williams Foundation is an employee led team that manages the funding we provide for community investment, charitable donations and supports voluntary work nationally. The value equivalent of the foundation's work exceeds £100,000. We've had a busy few months supporting our charities across the UK.